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34 Chapter #23 members, family, and guests assemble for the annual group photo next to the chapter tent at Red Power Round Up 2017, held at the massive Iowa State Fair Grounds in Des Moines, Iowa this past June.



At the Tannehill show in July. (L-R) Donnie Wedgworth (#444) of Greensboro in Hale County with grandson William Gilmore and Jake Beams (#560) from Eutaw in Greene County.



Marvin Putman (#34) of Athens gets some help driving his Cub Lo-Boy 154 in the parade of power at Piney Chapel. Marvin is a charter member of Chapter #23 and one of the organizers and officials of the show put on by the Piney Chapel Antique Engine & Tractor Association Inc. each August.

Randy's Ramblings

• President's Letter from Randy Bodine •

My dad, Frank, and my granddad, Sam, were colorful, larger-than-life people. I don't understand why Robert and I are so reserved. Frank and Sam had hundreds of sayings. We have actually started a list of things they said while we were growing up so we could pass them on to our kids and grandkids. I was recently thinking about how frequently and how much it has rained compared to the drought last year. A couple of their sayings came to mind. "One extreme follows another". It was hot and dry last year and it has been cooler and wet this year. One of my favorite sayings is particularly appropriate this year, especially if you've complained about so much rain. Dad would say, "Son, I have made more money in a flood than I have a drought". When you think about that saying, he is correct. Our corn seemed about 14 feet tall, soybeans are head high and the cotton will need a High Drum Cotton Picker because it is so tall. Years like this one is why the IH High Drum Cotton Picker was developed. I can't wait for everyone to see these pickers in Montgomery at Red Power Round Up 2018, June 13-16, 2018.

Our state show at Moulton was a success. The weather was cool for June and the Lawrence County Classic Antique Tractor and Engine Club were great hosts. We used this opportunity to continue to promote RPRU 2018 in their show program and with everyone who attended. We were also thankful that they allowed us to use their air-conditioned building for our Red Power Round Up committee meeting.

Following Moulton, we had a wonderful trip to Des Moines, Iowa for RPRU 2017. This was our last Red Power before we host next year. I cannot say "thank you" enough to everyone who attended and worked so hard to promote RPRU 2018. The chapter table stayed fully-staffed throughout the Round Up. Everyone proudly wore their show vests and represented Alabama Chapter #23 so well. Committee chairs shadowed their Iowa counterparts and picked up ideas to help make our event successful. Those who rode the bus even worked during our travels. We used those long hours of riding to stuff information bags, vendor packets, and make plans and decisions for RPRU 2018. I am so proud to be associated with such a great group of individuals.

With RPRU 2018 less than 300 days

away, we need to continue to "press on" to make our event successful. The cotton is looking great at Garrett Coliseum. The replica cotton picker is being produced and our committees are hard at work. Now is the perfect time to get involved so you won't be left out. The committee chairs need your help. Reach out to me, Gary Bell, or anyone on a committee and we can steer you in the right direction. We want everyone to be involved, so volunteer today.

Our next meeting will be at Hartselle Depot Days on September 16 at 11:00 am. Please pay close attention to the map and directions inside this newsletter. Because some streets are closed for the event, if you follow the directions, you'll know where to park your tractor, trailer, etc. This is a great event for everyone because it has tractors, arts & crafts, tractors, entertainment, tractors, antique cars, tractors, good food and did I mention tractors? We will also have our RPRU 2018 meeting at 1:00 p.m.

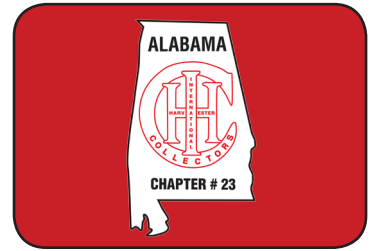
I want to remind everyone that the Boaz show, which was on the schedule for July, was moved to October 6-7, 2017 during their annual Harvest Festival. I hope none of you went in July, but that's why we always put at the bottom of the show schedule "Call before you haul".

Our fourth meeting of the year will be at Wedowee on October 21. This will be a new venue for many of you and I hope you are already making plans to attend.

As a reminder as you travel to each show, this will be your last opportunity to promote RPRU 2018 at that particular show. Because we are less than a year away, you won't be attending that show again until after the Round Up. PLEASE continue to invite everyone to come to Montgomery, June 13-16, 2018. Keep saying the dates over and over so people will put it in their calendars. Even if they are not IH collectors but love antique tractors, this is an event they will not want to miss. We are trying to make sure we have promotional flyers at each show. For those who have internet access, our club website at www.alabamaihcc.org has a link or they can go directly to www.rpru2018.com and get all the information regarding hotels, exhibiting, becoming a vendor, etc. Remember, less than 300 days and counting!

Hope to see you in Hartselle!

Randy



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**Minutes of AL Chapter #23
International Harvester Collectors
Meeting at the Alabama
IH State Show
Moulton, AL
11:00 a.m., June 3, 2017**

7 Directors present

Charles Allen
Conrad Bell
Robert Bodine
Buck Brown
Charlie Grimmitt
Ronnie Lott
Sherman Roberts

3 Advisors present

Joe Criswell
Clay Nordan
Donnie Wedgworth

1 Visitor present

Todd Hoaglin

32 Members present

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Harold Beck
Retha Beck
Gary Bell
Brad Bodine
Jessica Bodine
Jana Bodine
Randy Bodine
Jerry Briley
Gary Couey
Adam Daniel
Robert Ellis
Donald Errett
Kent Gilley
Sally Grimmitt
Rubin Haga
Roger Heath
Hal Hoaglin
Benny Johnsey
Johnnie Lemmond
Larry Lemmond
Joe Mims
Gary Moore
Grady Morrow
Edward Norris
Glenn Sanders
Terry Stripling
William Stripling
Carey Thompson
Dwight Vanderford
Larry Warden

The meeting was called to order by president Randy Bodine and he began the meeting with an invocation.

The first agenda item was Clay's report. He had no additions to the minutes as published in the recent newsletter and said that the chapter balance is currently \$16,687.16.

He also reported that membership currently stands at 295 and that with the addition of several new members today we could break the 300 member threshold very shortly.

There was a motion and second to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter and the motion passed.

The next item in the order of business was a presentation about a request the chapter had received from Donald Henderson, the Chairman of the International Harvester Collectors Charitable Trust. The Trust has agreed to assist the McCormick Exhibit at the Virginia State Museum in securing a modern cabinet to house and protect the museum's display of 14 miniature models of different McCormick reapers that may have been used as "patent models" in connection with the original patent applications.

Randy suggested that this was a worthy cause for all IHC chapters and recommended that we give \$500 to the effort. There was a motion and second, and the motion passed.

Next on the agenda was a Red Power Round Up update. Randy said that we are getting to the point where everyone needs to be on a committee, and he encouraged all members to become pro-active about choosing a committee they want to serve on. He also said that you don't have to be a member of Chapter #23 to serve on a committee, so anyone who wants to offer their time and efforts can be recruited and appointed to a committee.

He reminded everyone that exhibitors at the RPRU must at least be members of the national club and that anyone who shows up with an IH product to display who is not a member can apply for membership at the Garrett Coliseum gate and be admitted after paying their dues.

The RPRU website, www.rpru2018.com is up and running and Matt Bodine has also set up Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts for the Montgomery show.

Next on the agenda was a reminder that the bus trip for RPRU 2017 to Des Moines, IA is leaving on Monday, June 12 and returning on Sunday, June 18, 2017. The chapter RPRU photo will be taken on Friday morning at 8:30 am at the chapter tent.

The next item was a reminder that our next meeting will be at Hartselle Depot Days on September, 16, 2017. Our final meeting of the year will be at Wedowee on October 21. Following both meetings will be RPRU 2018 meetings at 1:00 pm.

At this point it was time to go around the group and ask anyone wanting to promote an upcoming show to do so. Among the shows mentioned were Hanceville, Greenville, Southland Flywheelers, Fyffe, and St. Florian.

Randy then reminded everyone about the chapter merchandise that is available and that Jana has forms for special orders.

The newsletter and website were the next topics on the agenda. Randy asked that articles, pictures, technical tips, or anything that might be of interest to our members be sent to Clay. He also reminded everyone that many additional color photos are available for viewing in slide shows at www.alabamaihcc.org.

Next was a run down of significant events coming up in the near future. The ones mentioned were, Red Power Round Up 2017 in Des Moines, IA, June 14-17; Winter Convention 2018 in Branson, MO, March 8-10; Red Power Round Up 2018 in Montgomery, AL, June 13-16, 2018; the Alabama IH State Show will be held in conjunction with the RPRU in Montgomery on June 16, 2018

(the usual chapter meeting at the state show will be held at 11:00 am on June 16 at Montgomery); Red Power Round Up 2019 will be in Bloomsburg, PA, June 20-22; and finally, the Alabama State IH Show for 2019 will be held at Boaz, AL that year.

In mentioning the Boaz show, Randy also said that he had gotten wind of a possible date change, so their commitment as host of the show for 2019 will depend on whether or not a new date presents any kind of conflict.

The final agenda item was an announcement that bidding for the 2020 Alabama IH State Show is now open. Bids will be evaluated at our final meeting of the year at Wedowee and a host will be selected at that time or by election if we have multiple bids. By then we will know the location and date of Red Power Round Up 2020 and can make a choice that does not conflict with the national show.

During today's meeting, the Lawrence County tractor club, the host for today's Alabama IH State Show, indicated that they would like to put in a bid to again host the 2020 state show. Randy thanked them for their interest but told them that we have a three year waiting period before a show can be considered again as our host. They will not be eligible again until 2021. He invited them to offer a bid when 2021 bidding begins in 2018.

In this same vein, the first bid for 2020 was formally offered by the Hanceville show before the meeting adjourned. They are in good standing as a bidder since it has been more than three years since they were the host.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
Clay Nordan – Secretary/Treasurer*

Financial Report

Net Assets June 2017 \$17,969.15

Income

Merchandise Sales 60.00

Interest & adjustments 141.12

Dues Collected 375.00

Subtotal 576.12

Expenses

Newsletter 1301.99

Donation IH Charitable Trust 500.00

25 – 2017 RPRU Show Books 875.00

Merchandise Expense 289.62

National Dues Paid 225.00

Subtotal 3191.61

Net Assets, Sept. 2017 \$15,353.66



At RPRU 2017. (Top) Roy Edwards (#131) helped advertise RPRU 2018 at his vendor table. (Bottom) An exhibitor and his tractor are photographed for the Show Book.

307 Active Members

12 New Members Added Since Last Newsletter
1 Former Member Re-activated

39 Out of State Members

Florida	5	Mississippi	3
Georgia	13	Nebraska	1
Indiana	2	Tennessee	5
Louisiana	8	Texas	2

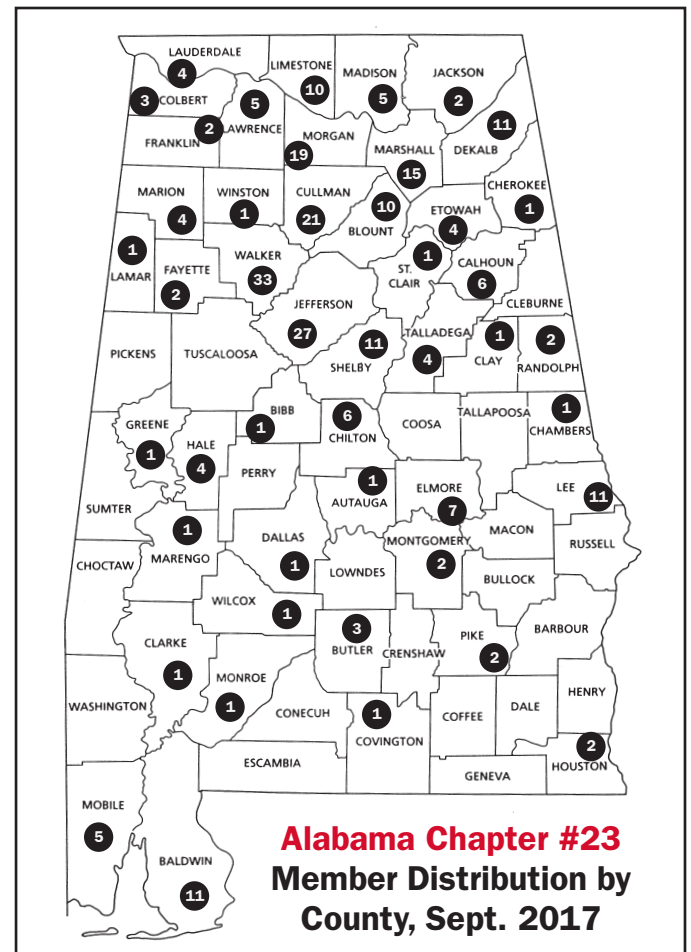
Next Meeting

Depot Days
Hartselle, Alabama
September 16, 2017
11:00 a.m.

Red Power Round Up meet-
ing to follow at 1:00 p.m.



Charlie Grimmitt (#339) shows the vest members and workers will wear at the 2018 Red Power Round Up. The vests are cool and should hold up better than a T-shirt for the four day event.





On a summer trip, Sherman Roberts tracked down the former location of the IH Louisville Works in Kentucky. This is where Cub tractors and other offsets were made starting in 1947. The now vacant site on Crittendon Drive is near the Louisville International airport. IH Louisville Works closed in 1983.

2017 Tractor Show Schedule

Fairview (Labor Day)	Sept. 4
Eagleville, TN	Sept. 8-9
Greenville, TN IH State Show	Sept. 15-17
Inman, Georgia – GA IH State Show	Sept. 15-17
** Hartselle Depot Days	Sept. 16
Winfield Mule Day	Sept. 23
Eva	Sept. 30
Boaz Harvest Festival	Oct. 6-7
Centre Fall Fest	Oct. 7
St. Florian	Oct. 7
Gadsden – Noccalula “G” Roundup	Oct. 13-14
Cordova – Jean’s On the River	Oct. 14
Falkville Festival	Oct. 14
Shelby – Iron Works	Oct. 14
Samantha (Tuscaloosa County)	Oct. 14
Dothan - Landmark Park	Oct. 21
Jasper Heritage Festival	Oct. 21
** Wedowee	Oct. 21
Montgomery – AL National Fair	Oct. 27 - Nov. 4
Hartselle – Southland Flywheelers	Oct. 28
Greenville	Oct. 28
Jasper Veterans Day	Nov. 4
Orrville	Nov. 11



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Tom Craft (#411) of Pleasant Grove in Jefferson County at Hanceville with his recently completed International Cub Lo-Boy restoration.

A Nearly Perfect Lo-Boy Restoration

Visitors to this year's Hanceville show were pleasantly surprised to discover Tom Craft's magnificently restored IH Cub Lo-Boy on display for the first time. The tractor, with its unique hydraulic lift front-end loader, really attracted a lot of attention at the show in June.

According to Tom, the Lo-Boy had been in his family for many years and that his father used it to clear silt and sand that rising river water often deposited on their boat launch at Smith Lake just west of Cullman.

Tom said that every part of the tractor had been gone over and as far as he knows it is original and complete. In addition to the loader, it also has a complete IH "Fast-Hitch" system for attaching rear mounted implements.

Tom was quick to say that he could not have completed the restoration without the help and advice of Ray Best, Glenn Sanders, and Preston Jones. These long time Chapter #23 members are among the most knowledgeable we have.



Sherman Roberts presents Tom with the "Hershel Needham" trophy that is awarded each year to the owner of the most outstanding tractor at Hanceville.

Map to Hartselle Depot Days Show

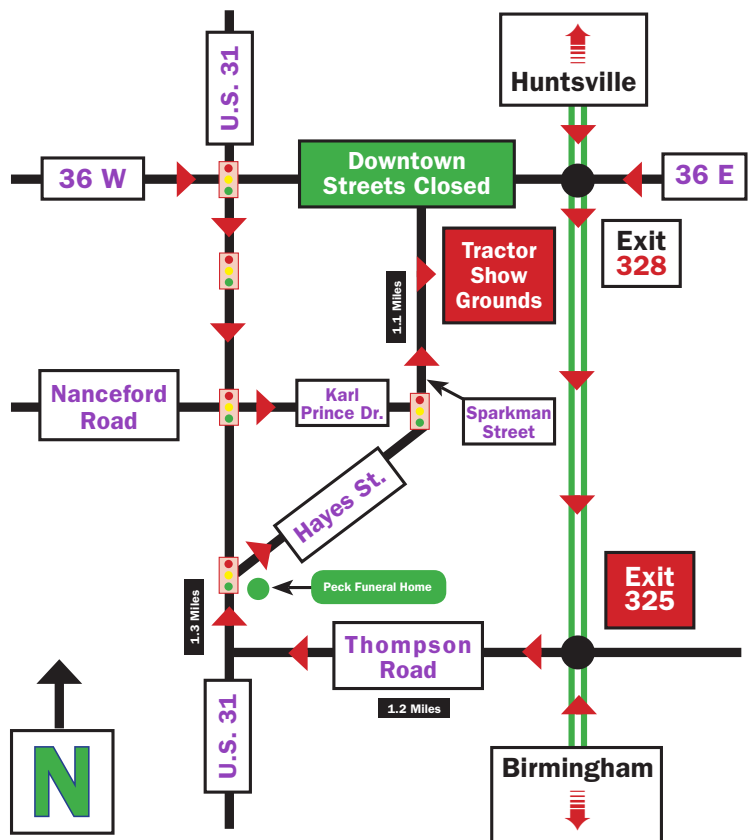
During Depot Days in Hartselle, AL on Sept. 16, all main streets downtown will be closed, therefore **you must follow the directions shown here** to reach the tractor show area.

FROM POINTS SOUTH of Hartselle, travel north on I-65 to Exit 325 (Thompson Rd). Turn west on Thompson Rd. and go 1.2 miles to U.S. 31. Turn north on U.S. 31 and go 1.3 miles to the first traffic light. Turn right at the light onto Hayes St. Then go to the next traffic light. At this point Hayes St. becomes Sparkman St. Continue on Sparkman St. 1.1 miles to the show grounds.

FROM POINTS NORTH of Hartselle, go south on I-65 to exit 325 and follow the instructions stated above from Exit 325 to the show grounds.

FROM STATE HIGHWAY 36 EAST of Hartselle, go west on Highway 36 to I-65. Go south on I-65 to Exit 325 and follow instructions stated above to the show grounds.

FROM STATE HIGHWAY 36 WEST of Hartselle, go east on Highway 36 to U.S. Highway 31. Turn south on U.S. 31. Go to the second traffic light and turn left on Karl Prince Dr. Go to the first traffic light and turn left onto Sparkman St. Go 1.1 miles to the show grounds.

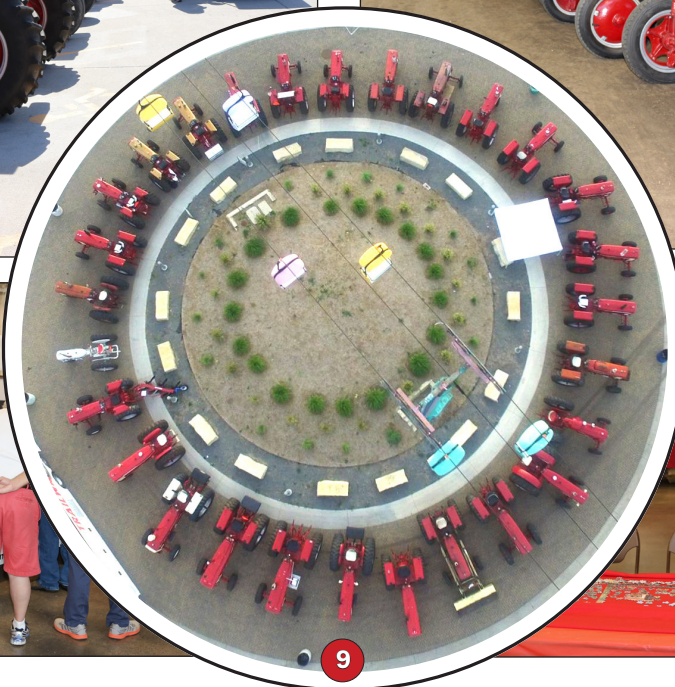


Scenes from the 2017 Hanceville show. (Above) Bob Ellis (#549) with his big 1256. (Right) Harold Beck (#107) driving his Super A with mounted lay-off tool in the parade. (Left) Cub Cadets owned by Hal Hoaglin (#332) Gary and Conrad Bell's W-4 and Super MTA next to Charlie & Sally Grimmitt's Farmall B.





[1] Vendors and Chapter tables were all under one roof. [2] Gary Couey (#271), Kim Lindsey (#483) & Jane Roberts (#3) selling RPRU belt buckles. [3] A view of the exterior of the grandstands at the Iowa State Fair. [4] A creative display of Farmalls arranged from the smallest toy to the largest tractor. [5] A drone's eye view of the Varied Industries building where the chapter tables, vendors, and seminars were located. [6] The "56" series tractors were featured and displayed together. [7] The pre-1939 tractors were concentrated as a group in a circular arena. [8] Jana Bodine greets a visitor to the chapter table. [9] An overhead look at a circular tractor arrangement. [10] Don McGuffin (AL Chapter #23 member #539) is also president of Texas Chapter #25.





The Moulton show in early June enjoyed a fine turnout of Farmalls and many other brands of tractors.+



Chapter #23 members get settled in for the 11:00 o'clock meeting at Moulton. Officers and Directors were happy to see that more than 40 members were present on June 3.



Thanks to grandpa Robert, two young Bodines were able to show off their matching IH Cub Lo-Boys at Moulton.



The air-conditioned meeting room made the RPRU meeting at Moulton a lot more comfortable.



This impressive display of Cub Cadets at Moulton was one of the best that Chapter #23 members have seen at a local show.

First Cotton Picker in Etowah County

By Danny Crownover

© Gadsden Messenger, 2017

Until after World War II, the Cotton South remained poor, backward and unmechanized. With minor exceptions, most cotton tasks – plowing, cultivating and harvesting – were done by hand. Though sharecropping stifled the region's attempts to mechanize, too many farmers – both tenants and owners – were trying to survive on small and uneconomical farms, trapping themselves in poverty.

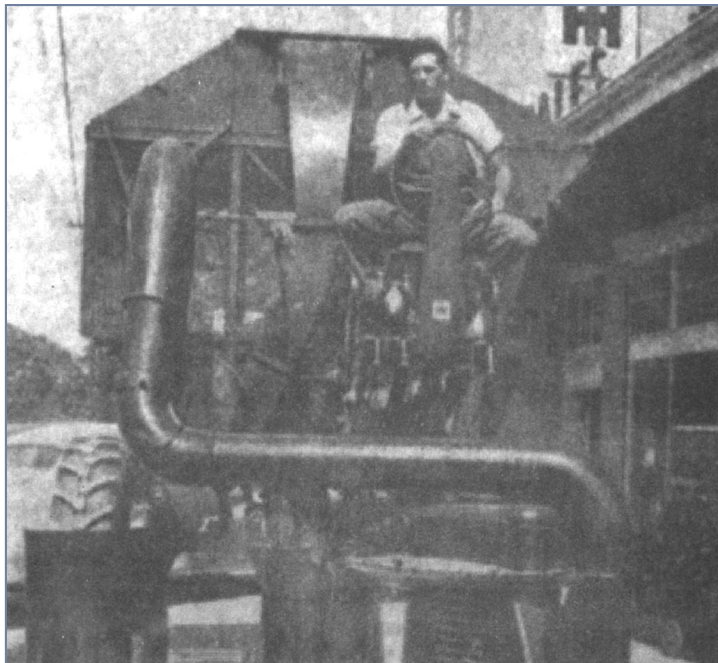
The first mechanical cotton picker ever seen in Etowah County was first displayed for two days in September of 1948 at the old Nesbitt Truck & Tractor Company located at that time on Locust and Fourth streets. The machine then was delivered to Graham Brown, who at that time was a 23-year old veteran of World War II. Before the week was over, Brown was harvesting cotton on his father Roy Brown's farm in Coates Bend.

Graham Brown was a renter and had 180 acres in cotton. He also used the machine to pick cotton for his Coates Bend neighbors.

Brown served in the U.S. Navy for three years, with 16 months overseas. Brown's picker weighed over 10,100 pounds and was 12 feet, eight inches high including the large metal basket on top. The cost was \$7,900, but with the tax added, Brown paid out \$8,058 total for the picker (\$83,139.28 in today's dollars).


All of Brown's cotton was picked from the stalks by 600 barbed spindles that made 2,000 revolutions per minute. Revolving doffers removed the cotton from the spindles. A fan then blew against metal cleaning grates, that removed dirt and trash. The cotton was then blown into a large basket, which was emptied into a trailer, truck or wagon by automatic control.

The capacity of this particular machine was one bale an hour. Brown operated the machine day and night.



Pictured is G.L. Brown of Murrycross in the 1940s aboard his new McCormick Deering cotton picker, the first of its kind used in Etowah County.


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A hydraulic process operated all of the machinery, and its operation was very simple. One man did all the work.

Tests at that time showed that 95 percent of the cotton was picked without damage to plant or green bolls and was picked clean.

A buzzer warned the driver when anything

went wrong with the machinery. Mr. Nesbitt, the manager of the store that the picker came from, said that the machine was almost foolproof.

The cotton picker was a product of the McCormick-Deering engineers and was manufactured by the International Harvester Company, which had just built a new \$33,000,000 plant at Memphis, Tenn. The company put its inventors and engineers to work on the picking problems back in the 1910s until all the problems were solved.

By the early 1940s, the company created a model that it believed would work, and since

that time perfected it even more. At that time, it was a scientific breakthrough to come out with a mechanical cotton picker, and Etowah County had one of the first ones.

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